

SENATE BILL 437

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 7, relative to theft of retail merchandise and certain tools used to facilitate such offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as new section:

Section 39-14-703.

(a) It is an offense to possess any tool, machine, implement or other item with the intent to use it, or allow it to be used, to deactivate, circumvent, interfere with, remove or otherwise render inoperative a monitor, sensor, camera or other security device used or designed to prevent the theft of retail merchandise.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.